

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

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Legislature***

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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MILLS of Esatport
 ROLLINS of Dixfield
 PEARSON of Old Town

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:

REDMOND of Somerset

Representatives:

TOZIER of Unity
 DOW of West Gardiner
 PETERSON of Caribou
 GILLIS of Calais
 MASTERMAN of Milo

Comes from the House, the Majority Report Read and Accepted, and the Bill Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-51).

Which reports were read. On Motion of Mr. Usher of Cumberland, the Majority Ought to Pass Report Accepted in concurrence and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted in concurrence and the Bill, as amended, tomorrow assigned for Second Reading.

Senate

Change of Reference

Mr. O'Leary for the Committee on Natural Resources on, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Powers of Regional Planning Commissions." (S. P. 221) (L. D. 685)

Reported that the same be referred to the Committee on State Government.

Which Report was Read and Accepted, and the Bill referred to the Committee on State Government.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Mr. Katz for the Committee on Education on, Bill, "An Act to Revise the Maine Regional Library System Law." (S. P. 140) (L. D. 381)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Which Report was Read and Accepted and the Bill Read Once and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Second Readers

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following:

House

Bill, "An Act to Modify the Immunity Granted by Statute to a Person Who Testifies Before the Public Utilities Commission on Matters Which May Tend to Incriminate that person." (H. P. 227) (L. D. 291)

Which was Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed, in concurrence.

House - As Amended

Bill, "An Act to Annex the Town of Otisfield to Oxford County." (H. P. 127) (L. D. 160)

Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Right of Trust Companies to Invest Funds Held as Trustee Under Certain Retirement Plans." (Emergency) (H. P. 71) (L. D. 99)

Bill, "An Act to Require Voters to State their Name and Address when Voting." (H. P. 32) (L. D. 49)

Which were Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed, As Amended, in concurrence.

Senate

Bill, "An Act Relating to Incorporation of the Officers and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine." (S. P. 138) (L. D. 379)

Which was Read a Second Time and Passed To Be Engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactors

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reports as

truly and strictly engrossed the following:

"An Act to Increase the Number of Teachers Allowable in Certain Administrative Units under the Education Laws." (H. P. 67) (L. D. 92)

"An Act to Advance the Schedule for Legislative Approval of County Budgets and to Change the Interest Charges on Delinquent County Taxes." (H. P. 73) (L. D. 63)

"An Act Concerning a Limitation for Imposing a Penalty for Violations of the Public Utility Regulatory Law." (S. P. 80) (L. D. 188)

"An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Vehicles Overtaking and Passing." (H. P. 17) (L. D. 26)

"An Act Relating to School Age under the Education Laws." (H. P. 100) (L. D. 124)

"An Act to Clarify the Education Laws." (H. P. 123) (L. D. 156)

"An Act to Amend the Duties of the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services Relating to Bilingual Education." (S. P. 52) (L. D. 109)

Which were Passed To Be Enacted and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency

"An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to Empower Local and County Law Enforcement Officials with Statewide Jurisdiction." (H. P. 102) (L. D. 126)

On Motion by Senator Conley of Cumberland, tabled until Tuesday next, pending enactment.

Emergency

"An Act Appropriating Funds for the Save Loring Committee." (S. P. 48) (L. D. 97)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative votes of 28 members of the Senate, was Passed To Be Enacted, and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Orders Of The Day

The President laid before the Senate, Bill, "An Act to Amend the School Lunch and Milk Program." (H. P. 467) (L. D. 484)

Tabled — March 8, 1977 by Senator Katz of Kennebec

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed

On Motion of Mr. Katz of Kennebec, Retabled for Two Legislative Days.

The President laid before the Senate, Bill, "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in Laws of Maine", L.D. 531, which was tabled until later in today's Session by the Senator from Knox, Senator Collins.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Collins.

Mr. COLLINS: Mr. President and Members of the Senate, this is the first chapter of the Errors and Inconsistencies Bill, which this year is being divided into two segments. The other segment will come up late in the Session. I wanted to call your attention just briefly to the changes in the Bill as it now is before us, as placed by the other body. One of these changes relates to Indian educational scholarship matters and is quite properly deleted in this Bill because since our Committee dealt with it, other legislation has come along which operates in this same area, and we think it is wise that this not be treated here, although it was a very minor correction in the existing law.

The other matter relates to the timing of agricultural fairs. This is a matter that has been in and out of our statutes in various ways, three times in my memory in the last three years. I don't purport to know the answer to it. The problem, apparently there is overlap in one fair scheduling of one day, which has caused some problems, and I do not know the answers

to those problems. I did want the Senate to be aware of what has been added to the Bill.

I now would move that the Senate recede and concur with the House.

Thereupon the Senate voted to recede and concur.

 (Off Record Remarks)

The Senators retired to the Hall of the House of Representatives where a Joint Convention was formed.

(For proceedings of Joint Convention, see House Report.)

After Joint Convention

Called to Order by the President.

Out of Order and Under Suspension of the Rules, the Senate voted to consider additional paper from the House.

Enactor

Emergency

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reports as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

An Act Making Additional Appropriations from the General Fund for the Current Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1977. (S. P. 238) (L. D. 728)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative votes of 26 Members of the Senate, was Passed to be Enacted, and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

 (Off Record Remarks)

On Motion of Mr. Huber of Cumberland, Adjourned until 2:00 tomorrow afternoon.